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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF JUNE 16

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2597

1. IN LIGHT OF NYERERE'S RESPONSE (REFTEL) TO THE
PROPOSED MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP WITH SWAPO IN
LUANDA, THE GROUP AGREED JUNE 16 THAT IT WOULD BE
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DANGEROUS TO MOVE AGAINST THE FRONTLINE ADVICE AND
ATTEMPT TO FORCE SWAPO'S POSITION AT THIS STAGE. GROUP
BELIEVES WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, FIRST EXPLORE NYERERE'S
VIEWS FULLY AND THEN PROBABLY MEET WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
NYERERE HAS OFFERED THE FIVE A CLEAR INVITATION (FINAL
PARA, REFTEL) TO DISCUSS WITH HIM OUR IDEAS FOR DEALING
WITH THE REMAINING AREAS OF DIFFICULTY, AND THE GROUP

BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY.

2. THE QUESTION THEN AROSE: SHOULD THE CONTACT GROUP TRAVEL TO DAR ES SALAAM TO TALK WITH NYERERE OR SHOULD THE DISCUSSION BE HANDLED BY THE FIVE IN DAR? THE GROUP CONCLUDED THAT IT: (A) WOULD EMPHASIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING DIFFICULTIES IF THE GROUP WERE TO MEET PROMPTLY AND URGENTLY WITH NYERERE; AND (B) HAVING THE CONTACT GROUP FLY TO DAR TO MEET WITH NYERERE, NOW THE "SPOKESMAN" FOR THE FRONTLINE AND, FOLLOWING THE LUANDA SUMMIT, TO SOME EXTENT FOR SWAPO, WOULD SHOW THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT WE ARE VIGOROUSLY PURSUING MOVEMENT FROM THE FRONTLINE AND SWAPO.

3. THE CONTACT GROUP, THEREFORE, PROPOSES THAT THE GROUP TRAVEL TO DAR ES SALAAM IN TIME TO MEET WITH NYERERE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22. THE GROUP WOULD THEN, DEPENDING OF COURSE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WITH NYERERE, PROCEED ON TO PRETORIA FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE REMAINING ISSUES AND FROM THERE DECIDE WHETHER TO RETURN TO DAR TO CONFIRM FRONTLINE SUPPORT OR TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO LUANDA. (IN ANY EVENT, NYERERE WOULD HAVE TO BE INFORMED OF THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS IN ORDER FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH SWAPO TO RECEIVE FRONTLINE SUPPORT.)
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4. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT MESSAGE TO NYERERE. IT IS THE GROUP'S HOPE THAT THIS MESSAGE CAN BE DELIVERED BY THE FIVE IN DAR OVER THE WEEKEND. THE CONTACT GROUP TENTATIVELY PLANS TO MEET AM SATURDAY, JUNE 17, TO CONSIDER CAPITALS' REACTIONS TO THE ABOVE. BEGIN TEXT OF MESSAGE:

DRAFT TEXT OF MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED BY DAR ES SALAAM FIVE TO NYERERE IN RESPONSE TO HIS COMMENTS TO DAR ES SALAAM FIVE, JUNE 16

OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMENTS YOU MADE TO US ON JUNE 16 CONCERNING A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT, IN RESPONSE TO OUR GOVERNMENTS' MESSAGE. THEY HAVE, IN PARTICULAR, NOTED THAT YOU FORESAW DIFFICULTIES IN RESPECT TO THE MEETING WHICH OUR GOVERNMENTS PROPOSED BE SCHEDULED WITH SWAPO IN LUANDA, AND THAT YOU BELIEVED THAT SUCH A MEETING IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE AND WOULD, FURTHERMORE, RISK SWAPO RE-OPENING THE WHOLE NEGOTIATION. ACCORDINGLY, OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS WISH TO

PROPOSE THAT THEIR CONTACT GROUP COME TO DAR ES SALAAM
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22, ON THE
TWO REMAINING AREAS OF DIFFICULTY AND THE MEANS OUR
MINISTERS BELIEVE MIGHT BE FOUND TO DEAL WITH THESE
DIFFICULTIES. OUR GOVERNMENTS ENVISAGE THAT THE CONTACT
GROUP WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY PROCEED TO PRETORIA FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS ON THESE SAME SUB-

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JECTS. IT WOULD BE OUR HOPE THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THESE
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A
BASIS ON WHICH A MEETING WITH SWAPO WOULD HAVE THE PRO-
DUCTIVE RESULTS SOUGHT BY THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS
AND OURSELVES. END OF TEXT.

5. THE FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM LUANDA THIS

EVENING STATING THAT UPON LEARNING THAT SAM NUJOMA
WAS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO BELGRADE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS,
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THE BRITISH CHARGE IN LUANDA INFORMED SWAPO THAT THE
CONTACT GROUP EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN LUANDA DURING THE
MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. NUJOMA HAS REPORTEDLY
DECIDED THEREFORE TO REMAIN IN LUANDA.
THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE FRENCH AND BRITISH CHARGES
IN LUANDA SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO SAY NO MORE TO NUJOMA
ABOUT THE GROUP'S PLANS UNTIL THE ABOVE SCENARIO
HAS BEEN APPROVED BOTH BY CAPITALS AND BY
NYERERE. AT THAT TIME THE CHARGES SHOULD ADVISE SWAPO
THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FRONTLINE'S WISHES, THE GROUP
WILL TRAVEL TO DAR AND THEN PRETORIA AND THAT THE GROUP
WOULD HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION TO MEET WITH SWAPO SHORTLY
THEREAFTER. LEONARD

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